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Elsie's POV 1

Life settled into a familiar routine. Wake up, go to work, get back, sleep, and repeat the best day.

I enjoyed the workforce at Granville firm. Mr Larson was quite ambitious and always had something he wanted me to personally handle.

Lately, he has been handing over single cases into my care, having full confidence in the outcome without a single doubt of failure. His confidence in my ability was mind blowing.

That was more than I needed to fuel my working spirit, it was so different from my previous firm. There they focused on only big cases and I was usually sent on trips to attend to large established companies.

Granville dealt with everything, ranging from criminal to real estate to divorce cases. No case was bigger than the other, all were treated

with the same urgency to yield similar results.

Another thing I noticed was different was the relationship between the workers. Mr Larson was so heavy on team spirit and getting to strengthen the trust in each other.

That was why I was surprised when a welcome party was held in my honor, that was alien. The company was like a big family where everyone knew each other down to names and departments.

When I was informed of the annual meeting for the company, I wasn't surprised, my previous firm held those too.

"It's always so fun, yes the meeting part is boring and tiring but the outing part is awesome." Cassie was practically squeaking in excitement.

"That sounds nice."

"Nice is an understatement, guess the best part? You can invite a plus one."

"Really? Is that allowed?"

"If your plus one is available, the

accommodation and feeding is close to free. The company cars are made available."

"Plus one huh?" I was confused.

She laughed as she patted my back.

"You need to see the look on your face. Do you know the sexy blonde in registrars? We've been talking and we might pair up."

Giggling and smiling to herself, she left me thinking. If we weren't in such a stiff term, I know me and Albie would have been a pair.

What? No! Stop thinking useless things, he was probably going to have a pair ready for the trip so it was none of my business.

The thing was I didn't have anybody that I would be with during the weekend and I couldn't risk having no company. I knew the perfect candidate for it.

"What's up?" She answered on the first ring.

"Will you be free this weekend?"

"I'm always free during the weekend, what's happening?"

"Good, we will be going on a trip."

"Really? where? When we will be leaving and what should I bring?"

Her response made me laugh, Bonnie was like that, always ready to be on the go and knew how to bring the light to the party. If I was with her, I wouldn't feel lonely, not even one bit.

"We will leave Friday, have the meeting Saturday, and come back Sunday."

"Perfect, it will give me time to get to relax and you know have a few drinks."

"Before I forget, it's by the seaside," I added.

I heard her screaming as she was excited, I honestly didn't know why because she wasn't much of a swimmer.

"Time to show off this body, I have been working out recently."

"It's a business trip, I doubt it's an opportunity for that."

"Gosh, you are no fun."

"Yeah, right, see you Friday."

Ending the call, I headed home and started planning for the trip. Regardless of his presence, I was going to enjoy myself.

Friday came sooner than expected and we left for the trip. We all arrived and settled down, already arranging our things that would last for the weekend.

"This is nice, I love it when a company takes good care of its employees, are you not sure I will switch occupations?"

"Sure you can."

I laughed at her fit to express herself, I knew she would enjoy the trip and while the meeting was going on, she would have the freedom to lax around and do nothing.

"Also, I am already bored, isn't there anything else to do?"

"No, we still have to finish settling in first."

She rolled her eyes and grunted, she was quite excited and giddy to explore.

"Excuse me."



She moved away as she made to answer a call, which was odd, she answered all her calls beside me. Maybe this was something special she needed to attend to.

The evening soon slipped in and we got dressed to get something to eat. The dining area was cool and calm, perfect for a couple's nights out.

"Oh, I'm stuffed," Boonie said as she pushed her plate away from her.

"Me too, let's head back."

"Ummm, no."

"No?" I asked

"Yes, No! We just got here, we can't go back to that room, common, the night is still young."

This was the exact reason why I brought her along, she was going to force me to have fun and relax.

"Alright fine. Where are we going?"

"Let's go to the bar."

"Bar? How do you know there is one around



here?"

"The map, I looked it up and checked the spots it has."

"Oh okay."

In a few minutes, we arrived at the bar, it had a classic vibe to it and we were making our way to the drinks section.

Across the room, my eyes met with a pair of familiar ones and I instantly knew who exactly it was. Albie.

Our eyes locked for a moment and I suppressed a shudder. He was looking right into my soul, I felt very exposed and I forced myself to look away from him.

What was he doing here? Why did he have to be here of all places? I soon heard more familiar voices and I reminded myself.

This was a business trip, my co workers were also here and he was among them. Slowly, I steadied myself and walked a few meters away in the opposite direction.

"Elsie, there you are!"

